

# Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club

## Purpose

The Kids Lunch Club operates every weekday during the summer and serves free, nutritious meals to kids aged 1-18 who already qualify for free meals during the school year at 10 outdoor locations. After lunch there are planned activities that keep kids educated and active.

## Impact

19,536 lunches + 29,214 weekend meals = 48,750 total meals served to children in need in Summer, 2016.

Site attendance averaged 359 children a day with 1,714 individual children being served in 2016.

Through the Governor's Weekend Backpack Program, Mid-Ohio Food Bank as well as donations from individual farmers in our community, the Kids Lunch Club distributed over 80,770 pounds of fresh produce to kids and families at the sites.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences  
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program  
OSU Extension

## Community Partners Involved

Westerville City Schools  
City of Westerville  
Blendon Township  
Westerville Parks and Recreation Department  
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department  
Westerville Public Library  
Northtowne Elementary School  
Grace Polaris Church  
Alliance Data  
Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital  
Abbey Lane Apartments  
Parkridge Park Apartments  
The Brookeville Apartments  
Otterbein University  
The Ohio State University  
Mid-Ohio Food Bank  
The Ohio Association of Foodbanks  
Governor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives  
Ohio Department of Education  
Kiwanis Club of Westerville  
Rotary Clubs of Westerville  
VISTA Summer Associates  
McDonald's  
.... and more!



## How you can get involved:

- Volunteer at a Kids Lunch Club site
- Become a corporate or individual sponsor
- Spread the word about summermeals on social media to reduce the stigma of hunger

## To get involved, contact:

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